(c) The following statues of the national leaders are to be set up in Delhi at the places indicated against them:

(i) Dr. Rajendra Prasad: In the Parliament House complex.

(ii) Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru: In the Parliament House complex.

National Capital Region Plan

*371. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Capital Region Plan has been finalised; if so, what are the names of the States whose territory would be covered under the plan; and

(b) what steps have been taken for the implementation of the plan and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Certain parts of the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and whole of the Union Territory of Delhi come within the National Capital Region. The NCR Plan approved in 1973 identified 18 ring towns for priority development. Out of this only in 5 ring towns namely, Hapur and Meerut in Uttar Pradesh; Alwar in Rajasthan and Panipat and Gurgaon in Haryana, integrated urban development in accordance with the 1973 NCR plan has been taken up so far. Once a statutory authority for implementing the NCR plan is constituted, the board is likely to take up the updating the revision of the 1973 plan and to consider inclusion of other ring towns in the NCR scheme for integrated development. Action is on hand to complete the requisite formalities in order to introduce a Central Legislation for establising a statutory board for NCR.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Country and Outside

*372. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas which are at present functioning in the country;

(b) what is the number of such Vidyalayas which are located outside India and what are their locations;

(c) whether there is any plan to open more Vidyalayas in the near future; and

(d) if so, what is the criterion for selection of sites for the Vidyalayas in the various States and Union Territories?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) 494.

(b) Three—on each at Bhutan, Kathmandu (Nepal) and Kabul (Afghanistan).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily intended to provide education to children of transferable employees of the Central Government. These Vidyalayas are opened at those places where there is a concentration of Central Government employees, including Defence and para-military personnel, or institutions of higher learning or where public sector undertakings are located. The schools are opened in a phased manner at places where there is a demand and where requisite faci-

lities in the form of land etc. are made available by the sponsoring authorities.

Irano-Hind Joint Shipping Company

*373. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the financial **results of the Irano-Hind Joint Shipping venture in 1982-83 and 1983-84 and the reasons for any significant chage n 1983-84;**

(b) the shares of Iran and India in the paid up capital in the beginning and at present and whether any increase therein is being envisaged;

(c) the tonnage expansion plans of the venture, and the details, including price, sellers name and delivery period of the new ships purchased in 1983-84;

(d) what was the freight earned by the company in 1982-83 and 1983-84 for carrying goods from the Indian Ports and from other countries separately;

(e) the details of new shipping services introduced by the joint venture in 1983-84 and those proposed to be started in future; and

(f) the manner in which the Iran-Iraq war has affected the functioning of the joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Financial results of the Irano-Hind Joint Shipping venture during 1982-83 and 1983-84 are as follows:

(in million U.S. Dollars)

	1982-83	1983-84
Gross turn over .	24·727	47·221
Net Profit before tax .	4·495	11·468

The main factors contributing to the significant change in the performance of the company during 1983-84 as compared to 1982-83 are as follows:

(i) Due to the policy followed by Iranian Govt. to purchase imported goods on FOB basis or on C&F basis with specific stipulation to carry it in Iranian ships (including Irano-Hind ships) there was assured cargo for movement by the Company. In addition, there was unprecedented boom in trade from Bangladesh and India to Iran.

(ii) The company acquired bulk carriers in mid 1982-83 which earned charter hire on long term charter to Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines.

(iii) The company entered into **reefer cargo carriage from Newzealand** to Iran from 1983-84.

(iv) There was diversification and enlargement of operations as the company acquired 5 vessels during 1983-84.

(b) The shares of Iran and India in the paid up capital right from inception to this date is 51 per cent and 49 per cent respectively.

No further increase in the paid up capital or in the share of Iran and India is being envisaged at this stage.

(c) The Irano-Hind Shipping Company has plans to acquire two-large reefer vessels during 1984-85. The details of vessels acquired by the